

HOUSE No. 4134

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at a certain annual town election held on April 2, 2012 in the town of Blackstone. May 30, 2012.

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May 30, 2012.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating the Actions Taken at a Certain Annual Town Election Held on April 2, 2012 in the Town of Blackstone."

Representative Fattman and the Blackstone Board of Selectmen have requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town. The purpose of the legislation is to validate votes and actions taken at the April 2, 2012 Annual Town Election. This legislation is necessary because the Town neglected to post the warrant for the Election, as required by G.L. c. 30, § 10. The bill sponsors are confident that the townspeople received adequate notice of the Election through the Town's website, televised announcements, and local news coverage.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick", written over a horizontal line.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,
Governor.

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve.

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT A CERTAIN ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 2, 2012 IN THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 39 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, the acts and proceedings taken by the Town of
3 Blackstone at the April 2, 2012 Annual Town Election and all actions taken pursuant thereto,
4 are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the Warrant for said
5 meeting had been properly posted in the town at least 14 days prior to the Election as required
6 by law.
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.